

# The Dragon Update

Principal Gannon

January 20, 2023

## 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

### IMPORTANT DATES

by: HHS Administration

- ❖ **Semester 2 begins Wednesday, January 25**
  - Please remind students to check their semester 2 schedule as their classes may have changed.
- ❖ **Thursday, January 26: Early Dismissal (PD Day)** Periods 5-8 will meet and students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

**MIDTERM EXAM SCHEDULE:**  
**January 23 and 24**

[CLICK HERE for important information about Midterm Exams policies and procedures.](#)

<b>Monday 1/23</b> <b>Period 4 Exam</b> 7:30 - 9:25	<b>Tuesday 1/24</b> <b>Period 2 Exam</b> 7:30 - 9:25
<b>Monday 1/23</b> <b>Period 3 Exam</b> 9:35 - 11:30	<b>Tuesday 1/24</b> <b>Period 1 Exam</b> 9:35 - 11:30

\* Dates may change due to school cancellations.

### PARENT CORNER

#### SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Please join us for our next Governance Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 23rd in the media room just past the library on the first floor. Topic - how policy is made as it relates to Hamden High School. Please email with any questions: [hhsgc1@gmail.com](mailto:hhsgc1@gmail.com) Or join us by Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83014673613?pwd=VU5zd1U0SUIubEd5Z2dOUzFoTjhRUT09> Thank you, Karlen Meinsen, Chair

**PTSA** – The PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) would like to remind you to become a member. Your membership is needed so that we can make a difference together! Please visit our website to become a member, find out more, or contact us. <https://ptsaofhhs.memberhub.com/>

**HEALTH ASSESSMENT** – All parents, students and staff should engage in the **Daily Health Assessment** ([ENGLISH](#) or [SPANISH](#)) before arriving at school to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure in school.

### ! STUDENT CELL PHONE POLICY REMINDERS

Please remind your HHS student(s) about the current cell phone policy. *Students must keep cell phones away during instructional time unless an adult requires the cell phone use as part of the classroom assignment and for educational purposes. Cell phones should not be visible during instructional time, including study halls.*

**AP EXAM REGISTRATION** - The cost of each AP Exam is \$100.00 and is payable through our third party vendor, [MySchool Bucks](#). Payments are due by February 1, 2023. Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals also qualify for an exam fee waiver. Please contact [Emily McClain](#) as soon as possible should your child qualify.



### THORNTON WILDER WRITING COMPETITION

December 2022

Now in its thirty-seventh year, the Thornton Wilder Writing Competition is open to all New Haven County public, private and parochial high school students. **The entries for the competition may be any work of fiction and are due by February 10, 2023.** For more detailed information and the application form, [CLICK HERE](#).

### ROSA DELAURO ANNOUNCES \$425,000 IN COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING FOR TOWN OF HAMDEN ENERGY EFFICIENCY



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### COUNSELING CORNER

by: Dan Cocchiola

#### ROBERTA B WILLIS NEED-MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

[Complete this google form](#) by **Friday, January 27, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** if your child meets the following criteria to be eligible for the Roberta B Willis Need-Merit Scholarship Program. [CLICK HERE for details](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to Laurie Robyn ([lrobyn@hamden.org](mailto:lrobyn@hamden.org)), [your child's school counselor](#), or the School Counseling Dept. Chair, Loretha Felton ([lfelton@hamden.org](mailto:lfelton@hamden.org)).

**FAFSA**

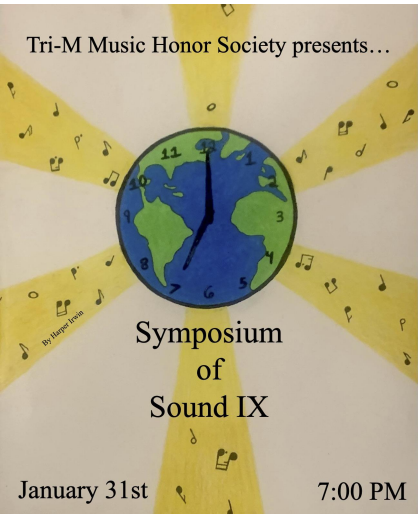
As part of the post-secondary planning process, **ALL seniors and parents/guardians are encouraged to complete the Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA) form related to college financial aid.** Click the link to get started: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> HHS will be offering FAFSA completion support in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!!

#### JUNIOR CAPSTONE

**ADVISORY:** Capstone advisory periods have been added to Juniors' schedules. Please check your PowerSchool schedule and attend accordingly. Questions, please contact Capstone Advisor: [James Pechette](#)

# MUSIC DEPARTMENT

by: Aaron Barkon



# ATHLETICS

by: Tom Dyer



**VISIT HHS ATHLETICS** website to get more information on our high school/middle school sports  
<https://www.hamden.org/departments/athletics>

## STAY UPDATED ON YOUR TEAM

*Schedule Changes, Game Scores, Tournament Results - The CIAC has got you covered!*  
Click on the link for more information  
<https://www.casciac.org/pdfs/ciacsportsflyer.pdf>

# UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

January 19 - HPS Fine Arts/HEF - VOICE of HAMDEN 3  
January 31 - Symposium of Sound 9, "TIME"

## JAZZ ORCHESTRA

January 24 - rehearsal 5:30-7:30 p.m.

## PIT ORCHESTRA (Legally Blond)

January 26 (Thursday) - rehearsal 5:30-7:30 p.m.

## CMEA (Connecticut Music Educators Association)

January 13-14 - Regional Festival (Maloney High School)  
January 20-21 - Regional Festival SNOW DATE (Maloney High School)

## HHSMPPO - Music Parents

Contact Liz Brennan ([liz@ctbrennans.com](mailto:liz@ctbrennans.com)) or Bob Gribbon ([bobgribbon61@gmail.com](mailto:bobgribbon61@gmail.com))  
January 11 - Board Meeting (new members are welcome)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on FaceBook and Instagram @hamdendragonsmusic and HHSMPPO Music Parents  
Facebook @hamdenhighmusic and Twitter @hhsmpo

## Tri-M

**February 1** - General Meeting 2:15 p.m.

## REMIND APP

Sign up for our Remind app. Information will be texted to your device.  
Text these codes (choose your section) to 81010

- woodwinds/brass -- @7894bk
- percussion/drumline -- @2dk9g4
- guard - @76bb6ac

# UPCOMING VARSITY HOME GAMES

**Friday, 1/20:** Girls Basketball vs North Haven HS at 6:00 p.m.  
**Saturday, 1/21:** Girls Indoor Track SCC Coaches' Invitational at 9:00 a.m.; Boys Indoor Track SCC Coaches' Invitational 2:00 p.m.; Boys Basketball vs Greenwich HS at 1:30 p.m.; Girls Ice Hockey vs Amity at 4:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday, 1/24:** Boys Basketball vs Xavier at 7:00 p.m., SCC West Track Championship for Indoor Boys and Girls Track (Away - Floyd Little Athletic Center) at 5:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday, 1/25:** Boys Hockey vs West Haven at 8:00 p.m.  
**Friday, 1/27:** Girls Basketball vs Sacred Heart Academy at 6:00 p.m. (Senior Night)

# SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

Spring sport registration will open on **Monday, January 16, 2023** for the following sports:  
**High School** - Baseball, Softball, Golf, Boys Tennis, Girls Tennis, Boys Outdoor Track, Girls Outdoor Track, Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse  
**Middle School** - Baseball and Softball

For more information, please visit our website:  
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